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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 for the above-identified patent application, Applicant submits a Petition for Extension of Time, the requisite fee, and the following:

**Amendments to the Specification** which begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 5.

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 12.

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